ABSTRACT

A compound represented by the following general formula (IA) or a salt thereof:

$$X-L^{3} \xrightarrow{O} L^{1}-Ar^{1}$$

$$X - L^{3} \xrightarrow{O} L^{2}-Ar^{2}$$
(IA)

wherein Ar¹ represents hydrogen atom or an aryl group having at least one iodine atom as a substituent; Ar² represents an aryl group having at least one iodine atom as a substituent; L¹ and L² independently represent a divalent bridging group of which main chain contains 6 or more carbon atoms; L³ represents a single bond or a divalent bridging group of which main chain contains 1 to 6 carbon atoms and one oxygen atom; X represents a functional group containing at least one heteroatom, provided that, when L³ is a single bond, X represents a functional group other than hydroxyl group. The compound can be used as a membrane component of liposomes, and the liposomes can be used as a contrast medium for X-ray radiography.